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LARGE DIAMETER ON SMALL DIAMETER CORES

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Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of June 21, 2002 from a corresponding European patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

Please note that the first reference (U.S. Patent No. 3,258,217) cited in the European Search Report is already of record, and therefore, has not been included in this Information Disclosure Statement.

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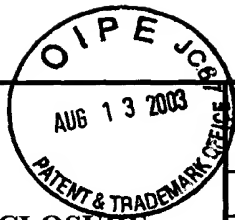
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